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1. /Summary. December 1966 and January 1967 were active months for Filipino leftist intellectuals and students who: attended weekly meetings of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation (BRPF), agitated for demonstrations, and held a special New Year's celebration. The Student Cultural Association of the University of the Philippines (SCAUP) continued to make plans for undertaking Thespian propaganda and leftist professor Dr. Francisco Lava, Sr., said that revolutionary conditions now exist in the Philippines. *P.I.*
2. On 18 December 1966 at a weekly meeting of the BRPF guest speaker Ramon Sanchez talked on the subject of anarchism. Sanchez justified anarchism if used as a political tool since, he said, it contributed to the overthrow of the capitalist system, which he depicted as a system that dehumanized and depersonalized the masses. The meeting was held at the residence of left-wing student leader, Dr. Francisco Nemenzo, Jr., a professor at the University of the Philippines (UP). *P.I.*
3. Most of those who attend the weekly BRPF meetings gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rolando Pena on New Year's Eve to celebrate. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Magusan, Sixto Carlos, Ernesto Macahiya, David Brucelas, Nilo Tayag, Ricardo Ferrer, Juan Tapales, Hilario de Pedro, Jr., Loida Rapolito and Charito Ramirez. At midnight Mrs. Jose Ma. Sison opened the Pena's record player and turned on a recording of the "Communist International". All present stood up and sang. *P.I.*

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At the 21 January BRPF meeting the group discussed the recent national conference of the "October 24th Movement" held at the Lyceum of the Philippines. In general the national conference considered a failure since it drew only sixty to seventy people. On 29 January the BRPF held another meeting at which a key speaker was "Terry" Rosen, an American student at the University of the Philippines. Rosen spoke on the subject of civil rights movement in the United States. He noted that the American negroes had long denied their place in the sun and said that the whites were responsible for the situation. He believes this is not only inhuman but unmarxist.

During mid-January Dr. Francisco Nemenzo, Jr., cautioned members of the BRPF to stay away from Teodosio Lansang who recently returned to Manila from the Soviet Union. Nemenzo said that contact with Lansang at this time might be bad for both BRPF and Lansang. Jose Ma. Eison also gave the same instructions to members of the pro-Communist youth and student front, ~~Kabataang Makabayan (KM)~~ during a KM meeting in Quezon City on 16 January.

6. By mid-January maneuvering was in progress on the UP campus with regard to demonstrations against the Philippine Government and the American Embassy. Enrique Voltaire Garcia II, UP Student Council President, called a special caucus of his faction on 20 January intending to procure official sanction of student participation in the demonstration which was to be held on 25 January. A special meeting of the council was held on 21 January but Garcia's faction failed to secure approval. The council passed instead a resolution endorsing the issues involved. The Garcia resolution, which was supposedly written by a student named Orlando Mercado, was in reality created by Ricardo Ferrer.
7. On 24 January KM National Council member Jose David Lapuz, a UP graduate student and instructor of political science at the Lyceum, spoke at a symposium at the UP on the retail trade issue. The symposium was designed to prepare the minds of the students for the demonstration to be held the next day. Approximately fifty students attended this symposium.
8. In late January the Central Committee of SCAUP discussed a report received by Nilo Tayag, SCAUP Chairman, that three members of SCAUP are government agents. The three suspects are reported to be Monsueto de la Cruz, Ibarra Malonzo and Herminigildo Garcia IV. It was recalled that de la Cruz had been reluctant when first recruited. He also had been observed taking pictures of those constructing the "octopus" float which was burned in front of the U. S. Embassy on 25 January 1967. Malonzo on the other hand has the habit of asking for lists of committees, or copying them even if he is not a member. Garcia was suspected of having been interviewed by a government intelligence agency upon his return from Communist China in 1965. The Central Committee decided to begin alienating the three by refusing to give them information. Present at the meeting were Nilo Tayag, Ernesto Macahiyá, Rodolfo Salas, Fernando Tayag, Perfecto Tera, Jr., Maximo Lim, Carlos Jacinto and Vivencio Jose.
9. SCAUP is planning to put on two plays at the UP, to be directed by Perfecto Tera, Jr. The cast of the plays was to be drawn primarily from members of the KM and SCAUP and the plays are to present nationalistic themes.

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- (5) 10. As a direct result of leftist student activities at the Lyceum of the Philippines where he is a staff member, leftist professor Dr. Francisco A. Lava, Sr., is the target of strong pressures to have him removed. Adverse publicity attributed to his activities is believed to have caused a marked reduction in second semester enrollments. Lava remains confident that Lyceum President Sotero H. Laurel can successfully defend him since Laurel is also a strong nationalist and has political aspirations. Lava has emphasized in his classroom that Communism will grow in proportion to the discontent of the Filipino people, which in turn will be exacerbated by the short-sighted economic and administrative policies of the Philippine Government, again in turn brought about by excessive meddling of American advisors. He believes that a revolutionary condition now exists in the Philippines.

Comments:

1. Sanchez has a history of being involved in leftist dominated anti-American activities dating back to 1962 when he was a UP student.
2. Ferrer is a former UP Baguio branch professor who resigned his job to come to Manila. He is now working for Senator Lorenzo Tanada, a prime mover in organizing the leftist oriented Movement for the Advancement of Nationalism (MAN). Ferrer was the head of the Baguio branch of the KM and of late has been involved in the BRPF.

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